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## Big Saar Vote Against Split With Germany

SAARBRÜCKEN, Sunday. — Pro-German nationalists surged to a crushing landslide victory in the Saar tonight, that, in effect, means an overwhelming demand for the rich coal-and-steel territory's return to Germany.

Saarlanders, in a crucial referendum, elected, by a two-to-one margin, the statute handed them by France and the West German Government that would "Europeanize" them and separate them from the rest of Germany.

With 564,600 votes counted by 9.30 p.m. the vote was 112,969 "yes" and 224,770 "no." Officially, the referendum was not on the issue of whether the disputed 900-square-mile industrial belt should return to Germany. But the rabidly nationalist leaders of the pro-German parties had made the Saar's separation from the rest of Germany the number one issue.

## French Offensive In Riff Mountains

RABAT, Sunday (Reuter). — French troops in the Riff Mountains today launched an offensive to pacify the last major pocket of rebels still holding out near the Spanish Moroccan frontier.

Backed by aircraft, the attack is aimed at rebels entrenched on the slopes of the town of Azrou Ouchana.

Unconfirmed reports said that large quantities of arms were recently smuggled into the district from the Spanish Zone.

The offensive follows a week-long full-scale military operation due to monsoon-like downpours which turned quiet mountain streams into torrents blocking roads.

Meanwhile, it was announced here last night that ex-Sultan Sidi Mohammed ben Yusef, expelled by the French Government in 1954, has returned to Morocco for his nationalist views, will return to France on Saturday.

## Rebels Shell Vietnam Polling Stations

SAIGON, Sunday (Reuter). — The rebel Hoa Hao army, which opposes Premier Ngo Dinh Diem, today shelled polling stations in the Cao Lanh Sade area, southwest of Saigon, as Vietnamese were voting in a referendum to choose between Mr. Diem and an ex-Emperor, Mr. Dai Nhat Kiem.

The Hoa Hao politico-religious sect, which yesterday also shelled a provincial meeting after announcing that it would boycott the referendum, is reported to have killed one and wounded 40 Diem supporters in the two attacks. Final results of the voting will not be published until tomorrow.

## PETAH TIKVA MAYOR RESIGNS

The Mayor of Petah Tikva, Mr. Pinhas Rashish, last night announced his resignation because of lack of support from the coalition members of the Municipal Council.

He announced his decision after a meeting of the Council which voted to refuse to raise the Municipal Service Tax from IL7,500 to IL12 and IL10 to IL16. After the vote, Mr. Rashish asked the Deputy Mayor, Mr. Edelman, to take over the meeting, but the latter refused. Mr. Rashish then declared that at the next meeting of the Council, the first item on the agenda would be the question of electing a new Mayor.

## Agron Chairman, Lurie Acting Editor of 'Post'

Mr. Gershon Agron, founder of The Jerusalem Post, who relinquished the editorship of the paper on his election as Mayor of Jerusalem early last month, was elected Chairman of the Company at a meeting of the Board of Directors held at the newspaper's offices on October 20.

Mr. Ted B. Lurie, as Managing Editor, is responsible for the editorial side of the paper. He has now joined the Board of Directors, also assuming the duties of Managing Director, the post held by Mr. Agron.

Mr. John Adler continues as Manager and Secretary-Treasurer of the Company.

The other directors are Mr. D. Kahan, Mr. Samuel Barkai, Mr. Yacov Geon (representing the staff), with Mr. A. Citron, a former director, as Financial Adviser.



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**Time to Return:** Tamar gives up her birthday fund for a wristwatch, and Mascha her candy allowance for a year to buy arms. In a letter to the Minister of Defence, delivered personally to his secretary, Sgan-Aluf Nehemia Argov, the two 11-year-olds of Jerusalem wished Mr. Ben-Gurion a speedy recovery. "As the nation needs you."

## Over IL6m. for Defence Fund

Pledges to the Arms for Defence Fund exceeded IL6m. by last night, and actual amounts deposited in the Ministry of Defence account totalled IL2.5m., as public fervour increased in its intensity on the sixth day after the Prime Minister's call for arms.

A new burst to the drive was supplied by the donations by citizens of gold and jewellery. Haifa Municipality and the Retailers Association each pledged IL2m.

The Defence Fund was the subject of a rather comprehensive discussion in the Cabinet yesterday. The Government spokesman said. The Cabinet expressed its warm appreciation of the voluntary movement, and joined with the Prime Minister who on Friday broadcast an appeal for contributions. The Cabinet Members themselves will contribute half-a-month's pay.

The Government spokesman urged all municipalities, employees organizations, and other groups to transfer all contributions immediately to the Bank of Israel.

He emphasized that not millions but tens of millions were needed. But he said that the Ministers were most optimistic about the overall sum that could be raised.

**Wine Flask Lottery**  
The spokesman showed reporters a gold-plated wine flask and four silver-plated wine cups which had been brought to the Prime Minister's Office by a Mrs. Ashinar, with the request that a lottery be held for them with the proceeds going to the Defence Fund. It was accepted by Mrs. Myerson.

Another woman, Ahuva Idelman, had brought in a gold bracelet, which she said was the only thing of value in her house. Shabbat Ronal contributed two gold sovereigns and a Napoleon. Many others had come in with cheques.

Persons who wish to contribute articles of value may bring them during regular office hours to the Prime Minister's Office (Rehov Ibn Gabirol) in Jerusalem, or to the District Commissioner Representative's Office in other towns.

Other gifts of jewellery which found their way into the fund were: a gold watch and two wedding rings given by Zvi Harman of Ramat Hasharon; wedding rings from the tenants of 7 Rehov Sheinkin, Givatayim; a gold bracelet from Rivka Grafman, 47 Rehov Shalom Aleichem, from Nahama Hazan, mother of seven children, Tel Aviv; all her jewellery and her children's jewellery; from Shoshana Yitzhaki — her only piece of gold jewellery; Mrs. S. Cohen — a diamond-studded ring. Wine appeared to all its members and the women of Israel to contribute their jewellery to the Fund.

The Teachers' Association has decided to request its members to double their contributions from IL250,000 to IL500,000. Mayor Abba Khoratny in the name of the Haifa Council, has announced a contribution of IL2m. for the purchase of a flotilla of torpedo boats for the Navy.

The Ramat Gan Municipality has decided to collect IL200,000 to buy a transport plane and 100 parachutes for the paratroop unit which the town has adopted. A public committee has been formed in Beersheba and has taken upon itself the collection of enough money to buy a light plane. Two local restaurants are to hold parties during the current week with all proceeds to go to the Fund. Members of the Nahariya Agricultural Council have contributed IL280. Employees of the Nahariya Local Council have given an advance of IL100.

Mrs. Rachel Ben-Sol called upon parents to contribute in the name of children who fell during the War of Independence.

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## Sharett in Paris To Warn Powers

PARIS, Sunday (Reuter). — Prime Minister M. Sharett said on arrival here tonight that he regarded Britain's decision to speed her arms supplies to Iraq as "an added threat to Israel's security."

Mr. Sharett said "My trip has a double purpose: Firstly to consult with Israel's Ambassadors to the U.S., the Soviet Union, Britain and France on the present situation, and secondly to draw the attention of the Foreign Ministers of those powers to the highly dangerous effect of the sudden change which is about to occur in the balance of military strengths in the Middle East and the security position of Israel."

"I refer of course to the arms deal between Czechoslovakia and Egypt, that is to say, the new proposition of supplying large quantities of arms to Egypt which is the avowed enemy of Israel and therefore of peace and stability in the Middle East."

Asked whether Israel had received offers of arms from any of the Communist powers, Mr. Sharett replied: "Israel has not been offered arms so far."

Mr. Sharett said he hoped to meet the three Western Foreign Ministers here and Mr. Vyacheslav Molotov in Geneva.

He hoped to return to Israel if possible in less than a week.

**MOLOTOV AGREES**  
LYDDA AIRPORT, Sunday. — Mr. Sharett said when he left here at noon today:

"I was informed this morning by our Ambassador to Moscow that an appointment has been made for me to meet Mr. Vyacheslav Molotov, and I hope to hold direct talks with the four Foreign Ministers in Geneva."

The four powers were represented at the airport by the U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Edward B. Lawson; the British Ambassador, Mr. John W. Nicholas; the First Secretary of the French Embassy, Mr. Raymond Vissavona, and an Attaché at the Soviet Embassy, Mr. Viktor Vlasov.

Before boarding the aircraft, Mr. Sharett inspected a guard of honour of military police.

**MOSCOW DENIES OFFER TO ISRAEL**  
LONDON, Sunday (Reuter). — Moscow tonight broadcast a statement by Tass, the Soviet News Agency, saying it was authorized to state that the Soviet bloc had not expressed readiness to supply arms to Israel.

The agency was referring to a report by the U.S. State Department that the Soviet bloc was ready to supply arms to Israel as well as to the Arab States. Tass said that the State Department report was "in order to confuse world public opinion."

**SIX SOVIET SHIPS BRING EGYPT ARMS**  
ALEXANDRIA, Sunday (UP). — Six Russian ships loaded with arms have arrived here within the past three days, informed maritime sources reported tonight. Meanwhile, 70,000 tons of Egyptian rice have been prepared for loading aboard the Russian vessels, with the official destination registered as "Arab ports."

Meanwhile Peking Radio today said that the Soviet bloc "has" and "is" preparing to supply arms to Israel as well as to the Arab States. It said that the Soviet bloc "has" and "is" preparing to supply arms to Israel as well as to the Arab States.

**Parties Hesitant Over Nat'l Front**  
By SEVAYA SHAPIRO  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — With this week's Knesset agenda mainly non-controversial, it is expected that most members will concentrate on lobby parleying.

The main topic may well be the General Zionists' bid to return to the Government as part of a "national front." For a time being, their feelers are being extended with great caution and Party spokesmen are likely to deny that the matter has been discussed by any authoritative body. But so many General Zionists leaders have now offered their "private opinion" that the time is ripe for a national Government, that when the Party's policy-making body convenes, the decision will be obvious.

The General Zionists advance are taken with a grain of salt by the left-wing partners in the prospective coalition. Leaders of Mapai and Abud Ha'avoda feel no obligation to comment as long as the overtures remain unofficial.

Privately, they admit that a broader coalition might be advisable in present circumstances, but feel that it should not be formed until the Knesset has voted approval of the present arrangement which has taken so long to complete.

There is even more reticence in Mapai. They are anxious to hear more details of the General Zionists' proposal, particularly whether they really insist on

**One Man's Job**  
Mr. Levi Eshkol, Minister of Finance, will be Acting Prime Minister during Mr. Sharett's absence. This will also include acting as Minister of Justice until Mr. Rosen's return from England tomorrow, not to mention acting for Dr. Dov Joseph who left for the U.S. yesterday — that's two more portfolios, Development and Health.

bringing Herut with them. Mapai considers as out of the question any arrangement requiring drawn-out negotiations.

If the General Zionists are prepared to join the coalition with the platform prepared for the four-cornered grouping, then, Mapai feels, the only problem to be overcome would be that of distribution of portfolios, which may not be so great a worry.

The Political Committee of Mapai is to meet in Jerusalem on Tuesday for the express purpose of discussing next summer's Zionist Congress, but it may well give priority to more pressing issues on the national scene.

## 5 Syrians Taken Prisoner, Damascus Says Three Dead

Captives To Be Held as P.O.W.'s Burns Flying To Report at U.N.

Jerusalem Post Staff

Five Syrian soldiers, including an officer and a sergeant, were taken prisoner by an Israel Defence Force unit on Saturday night, the Army spokesman announced yesterday morning. He recalled that last Tuesday an Israeli soldier was attacked and taken prisoner by Syrian soldiers on Israel territory near Gonen.

Syrian reports say that one Syrian officer and two soldiers were killed and six others wounded in Saturday's action.

The Syrian captives, at present held in custody in Israel, are to be "treated in accordance with the Geneva Convention governing the treatment of prisoners of war," the Foreign Ministry announced yesterday. The senior Israeli delegate to the Israeli-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission yesterday took steps through the good offices of the chairman of the M.A.C. to inform the Syrian authorities of this.

The M.A.C. Chairman reported to Truce Supervision Organization headquarters yesterday that a preliminary investigation indicated that Israel had carried out a "well-planned" operation across the Syrian border in the vicinity of Aalmine on Saturday night between 8.40 and 10.30.

At least two groups, 20 or 30 strong, took part in the action, during which three Syrian vehicles were burned.

"Bits of equipment and ammunition found in the area of the attack have Israeli markings and traces of blood lead in the direction of the Israeli border."

"According to Syria reports, one officer and two soldiers were killed, six soldiers wounded, one officer and five soldiers missing."

The Chief of Staff recalls that the Security Council has strongly condemned a policy of retaliation, the consequences of which are how tragically illustrated.

The Syrian version of the story, as reported by NEABS and Damascus Radio, says that heavy Israeli artillery crossed the River Jordan and penetrated into Syria. They threw a road-block across a highway, stopped two patrol cars and took five prisoners.

A second Syrian patrol rushed to the scene and forced the Israeli patrol to withdraw, the broadcasts said. The three Syrians were killed in this operation.

However, a conflicting report by Reuter from Damascus says that the Syrians opened fire one hour after the Israeli withdrawal and then aimlessly across the lines. The Israeli positions did not return the fire.

The U.N. Chairman of the M.A.C. and two U.N. Observers arrived at the scene yesterday morning to carry out an on-the-spot investigation.

**Kidnapping Denied**  
ANA reports from Damascus that Major Bakri Kutrash, senior Syrian delegate to the M.A.C., yesterday denied an Israeli claim that the Syrian Army was involved in any attack resulting in the death of an Israeli soldier, adding that these allegations were made by Israel only to pave the way for further acts of aggression. (Israel has no knowledge of the soldier wounded and kidnapped on Tuesday.)

Syria has informed General Burns that she will not release the four Israeli soldiers, held prisoner for almost a year, until Israeli reparations Major Hassan Kam el Maz (The major was in fact killed in the fighting in Israel during the War of Independence).

Major Kutrash also said that the "Israel-Syrian M.A.C. is to meet on Wednesday at Beirut Ya'acov Bridge to discuss the Syrian complaint that Israelis attacked villagers of Dureijat in the Hula area."

The capture of the Israeli soldier at Gonen on October 18 was the culmination of a series of unprovoked aggressive acts carried out by the Syrian Army against Defence Force members and Israeli residents.

**Syrians Rush Troops To Border Areas**  
DAMASCUS, Sunday (Reuter). — The Syrian Army was alerted today and reinforcements were rushed to the Israel border after the announcement of the Israeli raid.

Premier Saïd el Ghazi was expected to return immediately from Saudi Arabia. Official circles said that urgent measures were likely to be taken for speeding ratification of Syria's new pact with Egypt, which provides for aggression against either to be taken as an attack on both.

Political circles regarded the raid as "immediate hostile reaction" to the newly-signed military pact and not only to avenge the capture of four Israeli soldiers 11 months ago who are being held for "sabotage."

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**Arab Unity Hinges On NEW PACTS: NASSER**  
CAIRO, Sunday. — Premier Abdul Nasser told reporters today that in his viewpoint the Arab bilateral agreements now being concluded constitute the "keystone of true Arab unity."

Arab diplomatic quarters here said that Egypt and Saudi Arabia will shortly sign a defence pact similar to that initiated on Thursday by Cairo and Damascus.

(Text of Syrian-Egyptian Pact on Page 2.)

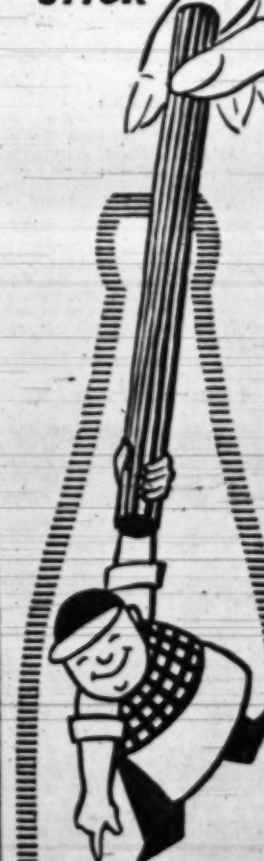
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